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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT OF AATA

1. It be recalled that the Second General Assembly Meeting which was held in Gaborone (Botswana) in 1984 decided that the appointment of a Secretary-General of AATA be deferred because the financial position of AATA could not guarantee the establishment of a secretariat of AATA.

2. At the Second General Assembly Meeting members were also informed by the interim secretariat about the establishment of an Ad hoc Committee by resolution 477(XVIII) of the ninth meeting of the ECA Conference of Ministers to evaluate the multinational institutions established under the aegis of ECA and OAU and to make proposals concerning their continued usefulness and effectiveness and ways in which their activities can be better rationalized, co-ordinated, harmonized and/or integrated and to submit its report to the tenth meeting of the ECA Conference of Ministers.

3. The Association of African Tax Administrators (AATA) was one of the organizations evaluated by the Ad Hoc Committee. In its report to the nineteenth session of the Commission and twentieth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of ECA, the Ad Hoc Committee made the following recommendation about the Association of African Tax Administrators (AATA):

> "So far the Association of African Tax Administrators (AATA) continues to be serviced by the ECA and the Ad Hoc Committee recommends that this should continue until such time that the Executive Secretary of ECA is satisfied that AATA can independently and satisfactorily operate its own secretariat".

4. The Ad Hoc Committee made the above recommendation because of the non-payment of assessed contributions to AATA biennial budgets by the majority of AATA members which had resulted to lack of funds to establish a secretariat as had been planned. It should, however, be mentioned that without an independent secretariat of AATA, activities which are to be undertaken by AATA as outlined in its constitution can not be carried out. In order to establish the secretariat of AATA as had been planned the following proposals are put forward for consideration:

(a) That any surplus of revenue over expenditure which may be realized during any biennium should not be used for activities planned for implementation in the ensuing biennium.

(b) That the member State (Ethiopia) which had agreed to host the secretariat of AATA should be contacted by the Chairman of AATA to work out ways and means for an early establishment of the secretariat and in order to have this done, the Association should be provided with free office accommodation and other facilities and secretariat services for about five or more years.

(c) That the secretariat of AATA should be manned only by a Secretary-General and a secretary-cum accounting officer during the period - the host country will be providing the Association with free office accommodation and secretarial assistance.